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1. BREZHNEV MEETS WITH SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND TRADE MINISTER' MET FOR OVER THREE HOURS APRIL 23 WITH THE VISITING SEVEN MAN SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATOR HARTKE. BREZHNEV EMPHASIZED HIS COMMITMENT TO POSITIVE GOALS POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF US- SOVIET RELATIONS STRESSING LONG TERM (40-50 YEARS) COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE URGED CASTING ASIDE OLD APPROACHES AND THINKING IN NEW CONCEPTS OF ACTIVELY SEEKING AREAS FOR COOPERATION. ON THE JEWISH EMIGRATION PROBLEM, BREZHNEV TOLD THE SENATORS, " NOT FOR THE PRESS", THAT THE EDUCATION TAX WOULD NOT BE APPLIED AND ONLY PERSONS WHO HAVE HAD SECURITY- RELATED WORK WOULD BE REFUSED VISAS. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 4580, 4/24 (EXDIS)

2. BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN SET FOR MAY 18

EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THAT THE USSR AND THE FRG WILL AN-
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NOUNCE APRIL 24 THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT BONN MAY 18-22. BONN OFFICIALS SAY THAT THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS REGARDING THE BERLIN CLAUSES WHICH COULD PREVENT THE SIGNING OF VARIOUS PROJECTED BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BUT OUR EMBASSY BELIEVES BOTH PARTIES WILL MAKE A STRENUOUS EFFORT TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS PRIOR TO THE VISIT. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 5870, 4/24.

3. START OF MBFR TALKS LINKED TO CSCE

SOVIET MBFR REPRESENTATIVE KVITSINSKIY ON APRIL 20 PROBED THE US REPRESENTATIVE FOR INDICATIONS OF THE WESTERN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL ON HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION. KVITSINSKIY SAID THAT FOLLOWING A RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM THE SOVIETS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA AND COMMUNIQUE, BUT HE ADDED HE THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIC DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL A DATE FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF CSCE IS ESTABLISHED. (SECRET) VIENNA 3342, 4/24 (EXDIS).

4. BRITISH INTERESTED IN WINDING- UP VIENNA EXERCISE

AFTER DELIVERY OF THE SECRETARY' S FOLLOW- UP MESSAGE TO DOUGLAS- HOME ON MBFR, UK OFFICIALS TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THAT THEY WERE PLEASED THAT THE SECRETARY WANTED TO WORK TOWARD AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS. THE UK HOPES THAT IN ADDITION TO FIXING A TIME AND PLACE, THE BROAD OUTLINES OF AN AGENDA CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THE BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO CONVENE THE NAC ON APRIL 25 OR 26. (SECRET) LONDON 4734, 4/24 (EXDIS).

5. REACTION TO KISSINGER' S " NEW CHARTER" SPEECH

MOST INITIAL EUROPEAN REACTION TO MR. KISSINGER' S APRIL 23 SPEECH ON EUROPE HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. UK AND FRG SPOKESMEN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH STATEMENTS OF US SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNITY AND US INTENTION TO COOPERATE WITH A UNITED EUROPE. FRENCH OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT KISSINGER' S BLUEPRINT FOR A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER MEANS THAT, FOR THE US, MONETARY AND TRADE NE-
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NEGOTIATIONS ARE INSEPARABLE FROM POLITICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE WEST. (UNCLASSIFIED) BONN 5883, UPI 34 AND AP 17, 4/24.

6. JAPAN CANCELS EMPEROR' S US VISIT

THE JAPANESE INFORMED US APRIL 23 THAT CIRCUMSTANCES,

INCLUDING THE SCHEDULE OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD, PRECLUDE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION FOR THE EMPEROR TO VISIT THE US IN OCTOBER. THEY HOPE THAT THE VISIT MAY BE RESCHEDULED NEXT YEAR "CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING." ACCORDING TO OUR JAPAN DESK, THE POSTPONEMENT ALSO RESULTED FROM CONCERN THAT OPPOSITION TO THE VISIT WOULD WEAKEN THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTION.

(UNCLASSIFIED) TOKYO 5063, 4/24.

7. SITUATION IN CAMBODIA

AN EIGHT- SHIP CONVOY ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH ON APRIL 23 WITH BADLY NEEDED PETROLEUM SUPPLIES AND OTHER CARGO. ONE SHIP RECEIVED LIGHT DAMAGE DURING THE MEKONG TRANSIT FOR WHICH THE VIETNAMESE NAVY PROVIDED 48 CRAFT AS ESCORT UP TO THE CAMBODIAN BORDER. NO SIGNIFICANT GAINS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN REOPENING OTHER LINES OF COMMUNICATION. GOVERNMENT FORCES RETOOK THE TOWN OF SIEM REAP JUST SOUTH OF PHNOM PENH, AND REINFORCEMENTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE AT TAKEO, THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL ON ROUTE 2, WHERE AN ADDITIONAL DEFENSIVE OUTPOST HAS BEEN LOST. (SECRET) DAO PHNOM PENH 0372, 0373. ROGERS

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